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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN PEACE SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of the American Peace Society was called in Pilgrim Hall, Congregational House, Boston, May 14, 1894, at 2.30 P. M.

The President, Hon. Robert Treat Paine, was present and presided.

Rev. A. A. Miner offered prayer, after which a clerk was appointed and the minutes of the Annual Meeting held May 8, 1893, were read and approved.

In the absence of the Auditor, W. E. Sheldon had been asked by the Directors to audit the accounts, and in the

absence of the Treasurer it was voted that Mr. Sheldon be appointed to read the Treasurer's report. Mr. Sheldon having informed the meeting that he had examined the accounts and found them correctly kept, with proper vouchers for all moneys expended, the Treasurer's report was approved and ordered to be placed on file. The report is given below.

The chair was authorized to appoint a committee of three to select names of officers to serve the Society for the coming year. Mr. W. E. Sheldon, Mrs. H. J. Bailey and Rev. G.W. Stearns were appointed as this committee.

The Secretary then proceeded to read the annual report, prepared by him on behalf of the Board of Directors.

In connection with the report of the Directors, Mr. Paine spoke most cordially of the very excellent service rendered by Secretary Trueblood during the past year, especially in connection with the Peace Congress at Chicago. He thought it due to the Secretary to mention his very able services both in a literary and in an executive way. He said: "The world is ready to do the work. It wants someone to mark out the way and present the enterprises; someone to organize and to push."

On motion the report of the Directors was accepted and ordered to be placed on file. (The report is given in full below.)

The report of the committee on officers was then presented and after the addition of several names suggested by different members present, their report was adopted and the following officers elected for the coming year (see page 122).

A vote being taken the selection of delegates to the Peace Congress to be held in Antwerp in August this year was left to the Executive Committee.

The following resolution introduced by the Rev. Reuen Thomas was unanimously endorsed by the meeting and a copy ordered to be forwarded to Ambassador Bayard:

"Resolved, That this Society desires to recognize, with the most cordial appreciation, the great services which our Ambassador to Great Britain, the Hon. Thomas F. Bayard, is rendering to the cause of peace and good-will between these two nations.

With peculiar satisfaction it has followed the reports of those public addresses in which he has announced that it is his mission to promote, by all legitimate means, an increasing cordiality of feeling between the United States and Great Britain in the interest of that higher civilization

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which can never be secured till all questions at issue between peoples are settled in courts of International comity and not by the brutal arbitrament of the sword."

Dr. Thomas, in introducing his resolution, spoke in an interesting way of the oneness of these two great nations, and of the duty and privilege of all who are giving direction to the thoughts of the people to promote in all possible ways friendship and concord between them.

Interesting remarks were also made by Dr. Mowry, Dr. Miner, Mr. Nathaniel T. Allen and Mr. Samuel Hodges.

It was further voted that the American Peace Society heartily commends the movement now being undertaken in Europe to bring about a "Truce of Armaments" which shall last until the end of the present century, to act as a stay to further expenditures in the line of armaments on the part of the different governments.

A request was received from the "Union for Practical Progress" that the American Peace Society appoint three delegates to attend a Conference to be held by this Union in Pilgrim Hall, on the 22nd of May. The purposes of this organization were briefly presented by Secretary Trueblood, and by the President of the Association of College Debating Societies connected with the Union. On motion the appointment of these delegates was referred to the Executive Committee with full power to act.

The business being concluded the meeting adjourned at 4 P. M.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand May 8 1893

| Balance on nand May 8, 1893, | | | \$176 | 49 |
|---|---------|-----------|---------|----|
| Received by Secretary as per his statement, | | | 902 | 91 |
| Received by Treasurer, | | | | |
| Donations, | \$7 | 00 | | |
| Legacies, | | | | |
| J. G. Whittier, | 500 | 00 | | |
| Mordicai Hadley, | 100 | 00 | | |
| J. Henry Stickney, | 1,000 | 00 | | |
| Trustees Permanent Peace Fund | 3,995 | 99 | | |
| Coupons on bonds, | 110 | 00 | | |
| Interest S. H. Halsey bond, | 30 | 00 | | |
| | • | | 5,742 | 99 |
| | | | \$6,822 | 39 |
| PAYMENTS. | | | | |
| By the Secretary as per his statement, | | | \$932 | 56 |
| By Treasurer, | | | | |
| J. E. Farwell & Co., | | | | |
| Printing "Advocate," | \$1,203 | 85 | | |
| Printing "Angel," | 187 | 20 | | |
| Roberts Bros., rent of office, | 495 | 00 | | |
| Secretary's expenses to Chicago, | 80 | 00 | | |
| Safe deposit box, | 10 | 00 | | |
| J. E. Farwell & Co., balance printing | | | | |
| Peace Congress Report, | 400 | 00 | | |
| Salaries of Secretary and Assistant, | 3,100 | 00 | 5,476 | 05 |
| Balance on hand May 10, 1894, | , | | 413 | |
| | | | \$6,822 | 39 |

SECRETARY'S OFFICE ACCOUNT.

(Included in the above.)

RECEIPTS.

| Publications, advertising and membership fees, | \$ 532 | 5 9 |
|--|-------------------|------------|
| Sale of Peace Congress Reports, | 121 | 88 |
| Donations and collections, | 234 | 10 |
| Club subscriptions, etc., | 14 | 34 |
| Balance on hand, May 1, 1893, | 36 | 72 |
| | \$939 | 63 |
| EXPENDITURES. | | |
| Stationery, postage, mailing, printing, etc., | \$391 | 49 |
| On printing Peace Congress Report, | 148 | 88 |
| Contributions to Peace Congress and Exhibit, | 173 | 72 |
| Literature for sale and for office library, | 71 | 47 |
| Care of office, sundries, gas, etc., | 71 | 76 |
| Expressage to World's Fair, etc., | 47 | 97 |
| Travelling expenses, | 27 | |
| Balance on hand, May 1, 1894, | | 07 |
| | \$ 939 | 63 |

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE AMERICAN PEACE SOCIETY.

To the President and Members of the American Peace Society:

The Directors appointed by you at the Annual Meeting in May last respectfully submit the following report:

Our general work for the past twelve months has been carried on much as in former years. We have held our regular meetings every two months. The meetings have been well attended and many interesting and important subjects have claimed our attention. The Executive Committee has held occasional meetings to look after the finances of the Society. We are happy to be able to state that through the kindness of the friends of our work, whose contributions and bequests have come to our aid, we have been able to complete the work of the year without debt, though we should have been able to accomplish much more if larger resources had been at our command. The expenses connected with the Chicago Peace Congress and the Peace Exhibit were necessarily quite large and of these we have had to bear a considerable part.

PUBLICATIONS.

Our publications, the Advocate of Peace and the Angel of Peace, have been continued during the year under the editorial care of the Secretary, and the subscription list of both has been slightly increased. Two thousand five hundred copies of the Advocate have been issued each month. Besides the copies sent to regular subscribers and to the annual and life members of the Society, hundreds of copies of the paper have been sent every month to ministers and teachers and other influential persons in different parts of the country. The libraries of about four hundred colleges and universities,